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Chairperson Karen Wirt 6C02
Tony T. Goodman 6C07
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C
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Re: BZA Case 21520 (Brian and Kate Reid): 317 L St NE (Square 774, Lot 50) – Application for a Special Exception and a Variance to construct a rear deck addition, to an existing, attached, two-story plus basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

Dear Chairperson Wirt, Commissioner Goodman, and Members of the Board,

I am writing as a neighbor of Brian and Kate Reid to express my strong support for their application to construct a rear deck addition at 317 L Street NE. I respectfully encourage the ANC and Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the requested relief.

As someone who lives in the neighborhood and is familiar with the property and surrounding homes, I believe the proposed deck is an entirely reasonable and appropriate improvement to the Reids' home. Outdoor living spaces and rear decks are an important and well-established part of the residential character of our neighborhood, and the proposed addition is consistent with how many of us use and enjoy our properties.

I believe homeowners should be able to make thoughtful improvements that allow them to better enjoy and remain invested in their homes, particularly when those improvements are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. In my view, the Reids' proposal accomplishes exactly that. The deck will provide a meaningful improvement to their home while maintaining the character and integrity of the surrounding residential community.

Just as importantly, I do not believe the proposed addition will create an unreasonable or adverse impact on neighboring properties. Rather, I view it as the type of sensible residential improvement that should be encouraged in our neighborhood. The Reids have approached the project responsibly and have gone through the appropriate process to obtain the necessary approvals.

As their neighbor, I am fully supportive of the project and the zoning relief being requested. I strongly encourage ANC 6C and the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve BZA Case 21520 and allow Brian and Kate to move forward with their rear deck addition.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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EXHIBIT NO. 17